



WESTONBIRT
— SCHOOL —

AGRICULTURE BTEC

Exam Board - Pearson

What can I expect from this subject?

The agriculture sector has around 150,000 businesses and 660,000 employees. It is a diverse industry with a wide range of progression and job opportunities, which vary from managing livestock, such as dairy cows, cattle for beef, sheep for wool and lamb, pigs and poultry, to managing crops, such as wheat, oats, peas, oilseed rape and grass for livestock. There is great demand for reliable, responsible and motivated people who can combine technical knowledge with practical skills.

The Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Agriculture is equivalent in size to 1 A level and allows you to study related and complementary qualifications without duplication of content. You will cover professional working responsibilities, applied agricultural practices, estate skills and land-based machinery operations. You will also be required to engage with sector employers, including 75 hours of work experience to develop your practical skills.

What can I do to prepare for this course?

- Listen to farming podcasts, such as “Farmers Weekly Podcast” and “The Root of It”
- Read farming-related books, such as “For the Love of Farming” and “Regenesis”

What will my next steps be?

The agricultural sector is arguably the most important in the world; no farmers, no food, no future. Students who study this course will gain an insight into this global industry and will be equipped with skills that will set them above their peers. Students may indeed wish to go on to study an Agriculture BSc and other related degrees, but this course also complements the subjects of those who wish to study Veterinary Medicine, Biosciences, Business Management and Engineering degrees to name a few.